

Duit language

Duit is an extinct [Chibcha language](#), spoken by the [Muisca](#) of present-day [Boyacá, Colombia](#). The language appears in the modern name of the pre-Columbian settlement and last ruler [Tundama; Duitama](#).^[2]

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Description

The language is only known from one fragment analysed by scholar Ezequiel Urioste in 1871. The linguist mentioned that the analysed text was part of a larger work that hitherto has not been found. From the short text it was clear that the Duit language differed slightly from the main version of Chibcha, Muysccubun, spoken by the Muisca on the [Altiplano Cundiboyacense](#).^[3]

As the Muisca did not have a script, only for their [numerals](#), written Duit language texts do not exist.^[4]

Comparison to Muysccubun and numerals

Duit	
Native to	Boyacá, Colombia
Region	Altiplano Cundiboyacense
Ethnicity	Muisca
Extinct	yes
Language family	Chibcha <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kuna-Colombian ▪ Muysccubun ▪ Duit
Writing system	Only numerals
Official status	
Official language in	Muisca Confederation
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	None (mis)
Linguist List	qrx (http://multitree.org/codes/qrx) (also used for the unrelated <i>Mittlere Neu-Hebriden</i>)
Glottolog	duit1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/duit1239) ^[1]
	
The second-most southern yellow dot indicates roughly the area where Duit was spoken	

English	Duit	Muysccubun	Numerals as noted by Acosta, Humboldt and Zerda										
one	atia	ata	ATA	BOSA	MICA	MUHICA	HISCA	TA	CUHUPCUA	SUHUSA	ACA	URCHHICA	GUITA
two	bocha	bosa											
three	meia	mica											
Sun	sa	súa											
Moon	tia	chía											
star	cúrcha	fagua ^[5]											
Earth	coga	quica	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20

See also

- Comparison of Muysccubun with other Chibchan languages

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